

## Human Services Director's Report To the Health & Human Services Board

June 2022

Activity	Program/ Section	Brief Description	Contact Person	Attach- ment
Dementia Friendly Week	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	Dementia Friendly Week is June 13th-17th, a week of awareness that unites individuals, organizations and the community with events and information to act and improve the lives of people living with dementia here in La Crosse County! For a schedule of events, hosted by the Dementia Friendly Community La Crosse County Dementia Coalition, please reference attachment or the ADRC at 608-785-5700.	ADRC Manager Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 <a href="mailto:cpagel@lacrossecounty.org">cpagel@lacrossecounty.org</a>	Yes
Caregiver Support	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	A new resource is now available, Caring Better & Braver: a podcast for family caregivers in Wisconsin and the La Crosse County area to support, inform, connect, and recognize the numerous family members, friends, and neighbors who are caring for another friend or loved one. This Podcast highlights a range of topics related to caregiving and features local resources that caregivers should know about. To access episodes, go to <a href="http://www.lacrossecounty.org/adrc">www.lacrossecounty.org/adrc</a> then navigate to "Caregiver Resources" or listen via Anchor by Spotify.	ADRC Manager Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 <a href="mailto:cpagel@lacrossecounty.org">cpagel@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Caregiver Support	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	Powerful Tools for Caregivers, a class series that supports caregivers in taking care of self while caring for someone else, is back! This six-week class will be held on Tuesdays in June and July at the Community Connections Center from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. For more information or to register, call the ADRC at 608-785-5700.	ADRC Manager Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 <a href="mailto:cpagel@lacrossecounty.org">cpagel@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Public Health Emergency (PHE)Extension	Economic Support (ES)	The Department of Health and Human Services has extended the public health emergency another 90 days. Set to end 7/16/22, the latest extension pushes the public health emergency out until at least 10/16/22. This is the tenth time the public health emergency has been extended since it began January 31, 2020. As a result of the extension, the policy waivers and flexibilities to income maintenance programs will continue.	ES Manager Lorie Graff 738-2410 <a href="mailto:lgraff@lacrossecounty.org">lgraff@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Foster Care	Family & Children's (FC)-Child Protective Services (CPS)	Looking to the end of the school year becomes a busy time for foster and relative providers as youth become involved with different programming. It is important to keep connections during these summer months and provide opportunities for providers to be part of a community. The La Crosse Permanency Resource Unit will be hosting a Pizza night on June 2nd to mark the end of the school year and give everyone a night off of cooking. This is one of our most popular events as over 45 pizza pies are picked up each year. On June 14th, the La Crosse Loggers are hosting a Foster Care Night at the ball field and in July, the La Crosse Speedway is hosting a Foster Care Night. The foster and relative care providers and their families seem to really enjoy coming out to these local events and networking with other providers.	FC Manager Tracy Puent 792-5507 <a href="mailto:tpuent@lacrossecounty.org">tpuent@lacrossecounty.org</a>  Lila Barlow Family and Children's Supervisor <a href="mailto:lbarlow@lacrossecounty.org">lbarlow@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Department of Children and Families (DCF)/County Workgroup	Family & Children's (FC)-Child Protective Services (CPS)	Over the past few weeks Lila Barlow, the Permanency Resource Unit Supervisor, has been working on a committee with other counties across Wisconsin to recommend ideas around flexibility in foster home licensing. The group is concentrating on research around the concept of professional foster parents in Wisconsin. This is a great opportunity to look at alternatives to placement for youth that have high needs, keeping them in their own communities, and	FC Manager Tracy Puent 792-5507 <a href="mailto:tpuent@lacrossecounty.org">tpuent@lacrossecounty.org</a>  Lila Barlow Family and Children's Supervisor	No

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related to Foster Home Licensing		looking at resources that Wisconsin can invest in to help families remain together and reduce trauma. As recommendations are formed additional updates will be given.	<a href="mailto:lbarlow@lacrossecounty.org">lbarlow@lacrossecounty.org</a>	
Mental Health Awareness Walk	Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS)	The 9th Annual La Crosse County "Step into Mental Health Wellness" Walk held on Thursday, May 26th, 2022, was a wonderful success! Thank you to County Board Chair Monica Kruse, Mayor Reynolds, and Dr. Katie Fassbinder for speaking! Special thanks to Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) consumer "Lisa" for her letter that was shared with the crowd that spanned 3 city blocks!	ISRS Manager Christin Skolnik 785-6019 <a href="mailto:cskolnik@lacrossecounty.org">cskolnik@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Crisis	Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS)	The ISRS Crisis Unit is happy to have recently accepted a 5-year Collaborative Crisis Intervention Services to Youth (CCISY) grant. This grant will help to continue to provide staffing within the section to help support youth and families; Peer Support Services for families; Community Psychiatric services; Shelter/Respite care; Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training and Crisis Intervention Partners (CIP) Training with Law Enforcement, School District of La Crosse, and La Crosse County.	ISRS Manager Christin Skolnik 785-6019 <a href="mailto:cskolnik@lacrossecounty.org">cskolnik@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No